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Domestic Council Committee on Illegal Aliens

*The President's Memorandum for Members of the
 Domestic Council. January 6, 1975*

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DOMESTIC COUNCIL

Secretary of State
 Secretary of the Treasury
 Attorney General
 Secretary of the Interior
 Secretary of Agriculture
 Secretary of Commerce
 Secretary of Labor
 Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare
 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
 Secretary of Transportation
 Assistant to the President Baroody
 Director, Office of Management and Budget
 Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers
 Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality
 Administrator of the Environmental Protection
 Agency
 Director, ACTION

SUBJECT: DOMESTIC COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON ILLEGAL
 ALIENS

I am today establishing a new Domestic Council Committee on Illegal Aliens. This Committee will develop, coordinate and present to me policy issues that cut across agency lines to provide better programs for dealing with this National problem. The Attorney General will serve as the Chairman of this Committee. The membership of the Committee will consist of the Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of Labor, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Assistant to the President Baroody, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

GERALD R. FORD

Veto of Travel Expenses Bill

*The President's Memorandum of Disapproval. Dated
 December 31, 1974. Released January 6, 1975*

I have withheld my approval from S. 3341, the "Travel Expenses Amendments Act of 1974."

This bill would raise the maximum per diem allowance and mileage rates for civilian Government employees traveling on official business. I endorse this proposal. Unfortunately, a provision was added to the bill which would establish a rigid system of mileage reimbursement to the

disabled veteran—with no discretionary authority for payment of a lesser amount where justified when the veteran was authorized to travel for treatment.

This provision assumes that there are great similarities in the travel situations of Veterans Administration beneficiaries and Federal employees who are away from home on Government business. This is not the case, however. Generally, a short span of time and distance is involved in VA beneficiary travel to a facility for vocational rehabilitation, counseling and health care, while Government employees may be traveling for days or weeks at a time. The employee per diem is designed to pay for necessary living expenses during this period, including those of lodging and meals.

Under this bill, Government employees using their privately owned vehicles may be reimbursed at the minimum 15¢ per mile, or at a rate comparable to the cost to the Government if the employee used a Government-owned vehicle. This flexibility would be continued for Government employee travel under the bill passed by the Congress. However, such management flexibility would not be applicable to travel of VA beneficiaries. The result would be the required payment of unwarranted mileage rates that would add an estimated \$25 million a year to the VA budget.

The Administration will ask the 94th Congress for a new bill to raise the maximum per diem and mileage rates for Federal employees which have been inadequate for some time. Many Federal employees who are required to travel in connection with their work have suffered considerable out-of-pocket expenses in recent years. This should be rectified as soon as possible.

GERALD R. FORD

The White House,
 December 31, 1974.

The Hopi-Navajo Land Settlement Interagency Committee

*Executive Order 11829. Dated January 6, 1975.
 Released January 7, 1975*

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 1 (c) (2) of the Act to provide for final settlement of the conflicting rights and interests of the Hopi and Navajo Tribes concerning lands within the reservation established by the Executive order of December 16, 1882, and lands within the reservation created by the Act of June 14, 1934, and for other purposes (Public Law 93-531, approved December 22, 1974, hereinafter referred to as the Act), and as President of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered: